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## 5th ARMY REPEL NINE ATTACKS

### 500 FIGHTERS OVER FRANCE

MORE than 500 RAF fighters took part in one of the biggest daylight offensives in recent weeks yesterday.

They met with little opposition in their attacks on many targets in Northern France and Belgium, and only one plane was lost.

In addition to land targets, coasters were attacked off the Channel Islands, and a direct hit was scored on a ship in a Brittany port. Other vessels in a river estuary were badly damaged.

US aircraft also attacked targets in Northern France and an airfield near Brussels.

### SUBS SINK SEVEN

BRITISH submarines in the Aegean Sea have sunk seven ships, probably three others and damaged six more, it was stated by the Admiralty last night.

Two of the ships sunk were carrying troops and others included supply vessels, mine sweepers and transport.

It is not stated over what period of time these ships were sunk, but it is understood that none of the sinkings has been announced before.

Submarines have also been active elsewhere in the Mediterranean. It is reported, One supply ship has been sunk in the Gulf of Genoa, and others in the north-west Mediterranean.

Middle East aircraft have made widespread attacks on enemy shipping. An escort ship of a convoy was set on fire on Sunday night and others were damaged.

Shipping was hit in a raid on Suda Bay, and an ammunition dump on shore blown up.

### Morrison's View His Own

MR. CHURCHILL was questioned in the House of Commons yesterday about some recent speeches by the Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, on the subject of post-war controls.

Referring to a speech Mr. Morrison made to the Fabian Society, the Premier said he was speaking as a Socialist to Socialists. Further questions failed to draw the Premier into a declaration on the subject of controls, which he said was a "tangled skein" at the moment.

### SURPRISE JAP LANDING

THERE have been clashes on Bougainville Island in the south-west Pacific following a surprise landing by Japanese forces close to the American beach heads.

It is stated that the enemy's force is not large enough to offer a serious threat.

Bad weather has stopped all air activity except slight reconnaissance in the south-west Pacific area, but Allied planes have continued to inflict damage on enemy installations in Burma. Two river steamers on the Irrawaddy have been set on fire and advanced enemy airfields have been raided.

WITH the German forces now on the winter line they have been ordered to hold for "at least eight weeks," their resistance is stiffening.

Nine fierce counter-attacks were launched along the whole of the Fifth Army front. All were repulsed. On the east side of the Apennines the Eighth Army has taken Castiglione.

Bad weather, including snow in the higher ground, again hampered activity along the whole line in Italy, but our forces continued to press forward. The Eighth Army has captured another three towns besides Castiglione, and now have in their hands a large portion of the cross-country road running from Vasto on the Adriatic to Isernia.

The strongest of the enemy counter-attacks was made on the right of the Fifth Army in the neighbourhood of

Mignano, but was broken up by particularly devastating artillery fire before it had got into its stride.

No ground was gained by the enemy in any of his attacks, but his resistance has been on a much stronger scale than in the past two days.

The information that the Germans have been ordered to hold the Garigliano-Sangro line comes from orders captured by the Fifth Army.

Allied aircraft carried out yet another raid on the Ansaldo steel works and marshalling yards at Genoa, and other planes crossed the Adriatic to hit Durazzo on the Albanian coast, where they caused damage to gun positions and also to shipping off the coast.

### EDEN HOME

FOREIGN Secretary Anthony Eden arrived in Britain yesterday on his return from the Moscow Conference.

Mr. Eden, who has been in Cairo for the past few days holding talks with the Turkish Foreign Minister and other members of the Cabinet and immediately went to see the Prime Minister.

He is expected to make a statement on the talks in Moscow in the House of Commons shortly.

### NAZI FIGHTERS HELD IN WEST

GERMANY has three times as many fighters in the west as on the whole of the Russian front. Despite Allied bomb damage she has been able to boost her aircraft production, said an RAF spokesman last night.

He said that the Luftwaffe was building up its strength to meet the expected heavy attacks on south Germany facing the Mediterranean.

## French Committee Broadened

FOLLOWING the resignation of General Giraud, other changes have been made in the French Committee of National Liberation, which give it a more representative character, it is reported from Algiers.

The changes follow closely recommendations made by the Consultative Assembly, which met in Algiers last week. This Assembly comprised more than forty members of the resistance movement in France.

The Communist Party was offered a seat on the new Committee, but rejected it on the ground that the offer was made to an individual member of the Party and not to the Party as a whole. It is stated that the offer to them is still open.

General De Gaulle said yesterday that the Committee had two main objects—waging the war, and preparing measures to be taken in liberated France.

The Committee were already planning practical steps to ensure complete collaboration between the French authorities and the Allied armies. He did not anticipate any difficulty about the acceptance of their policy once operations began.

A delegate to the Committee said in London yesterday that

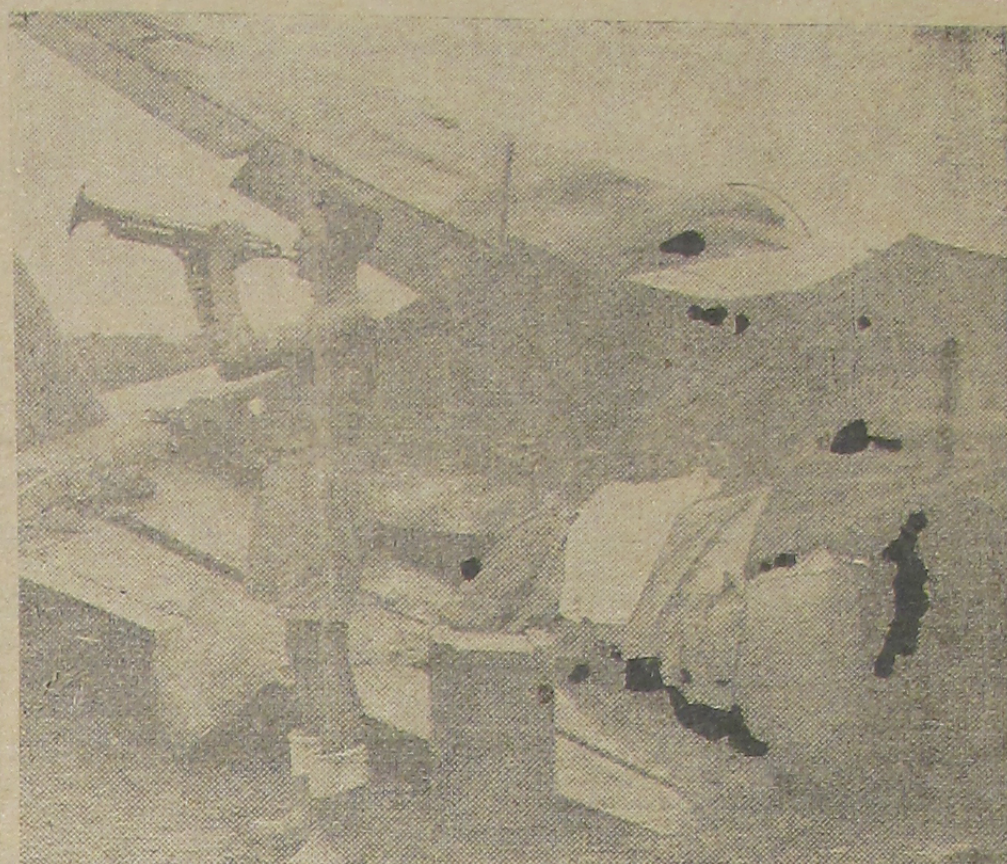
### NO AIR MAIL? — HERE'S WHY

The following official statement is issued by the British Army postal authorities:—

Recently, bad flying weather in the U.K. resulted in no air-graphs or letter cards being delivered to this theatre. During this bad weather air mail continued to pile up at the aerodromes so that when the weather permitted it finally arrived in vast quantities.

This situation has given rise to complaints against the A.P.O. and the R.A.F. The limiting factors in the dispatch of air mail are weather and the transport of urgent operational supplies.

The authorities concerned fully appreciate how much letters from home mean to us and make every effort to get the mail through just as soon as conditions permit.



Come to the cookhouse door, boys! And it is sounded on an Italian trumpet in front of a cookhouse made out of an old JU 88—by an R.A.F. cook.

## Three Drives Beyond Kiev

ADVANCING in three main thrusts, the big Russian drive beyond Kiev now threatens to cut the last main north to south railway before the Polish frontier.

Gains of up to ten miles have been made in a northerly, north-westerly, and south-westerly direction, and in the latter area great tank battles are in progress. The salient now extends along a front of 150 miles.

In the south-west 60 more tanks and more than a thousand men.

It has been reported that when they entered Fastov a few days ago the Russians captured among the enormous amount of booty more than 3,000 tons of petrol.

Further to the north increased Soviet activity in the Nevel sector has brought more gains to the Red Army. The Germans admit penetrations in this area. Snow is reported to be falling in patches along the whole of the front from Kiev to Leningrad.

In the Crimea the Russians have extended their bridgeheads north and south of Kerch after repelling five severe German counter-attacks. They have penetrated the German lines.

The Russian Black Sea Fleet has sunk an enemy transport.

The big German administrative centre which was at Kiev has returned to German territory and has been set up inside the Reich at Breslau, it is reported from Sweden.

German civilians who had settled in occupied territory have been ordered to return to Germany.

## Palestine Door Not Closed

IT was stated in the House of Commons yesterday that the Government did not intend to close the doors of Palestine to the 31,000 Jewish immigrants who have not been able to go there because of the war.

Under the regulations 75,000 immigrants are allowed to enter Palestine provided they can be economically absorbed in the five years ending next March. Forty-four thousand have been admitted, but the remainder have been prevented by the war.

Every effort would be made to get the others there, it was officially stated.

### Greece's Part

GREECE has been invited to take part with full equality in the Mediterranean Commission, said the Greek Premier yesterday.

Britain, Russia, the United States and France are the other members of the Commission.

many, but as the railways are a fierce engagement the Germans lost 30 tanks and more than a thousand men.

Panic-stricken crowds, fearing a complete Russian breakthrough, are leaving Bucharest, the capital of Rumania. Many are trying to obtain visas for neutral countries.

Government departments are also reported to be leaving the city, and the third gold shipment in a week, to the value of 30,000,000 reichmarks, has been sent to Switzerland.

The Finnish radio said yesterday that the Kiev drive was not a wedge, but "the opening of the dam gates to let through a flood of might in all directions. The defeat that the Germans are trying to ward off is threatening."

## Call For Better T.B. Treatment

THE urgent need for better treatment and a more vigorous attack on the causes of tuberculosis was made in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Ammon, Labour, said that the subject should be treated as a national emergency. It was the chief destroyer, except war, of human life. Better treatment was all the more important, he said, because men returning from the Forces would be more susceptible to it.

Mr. Westwood, Under-Secretary of State for Scotland, said one of the difficulties in connection with radiography was the shortage of trained nurses, and the unwillingness of people to go for early treatment.

### LATEST NEWS

Danish patriots have wrecked a radio factory in Copenhagen, it was announced last night.

Using incendiary and H.E. bombs, they completely destroyed the factory which contained 700 radio sets worth fifty-thousand pounds.



# MARIONETTES CURE STAMMERING

A MARIONETTE theatre has been used in the successful treatment of stammering children.

Miss Marion Fleming, speech therapist to Birmingham City Council, revealed this at the conference of the Association of Speech Therapists in London.

She said the children, who made the theatre and worked it, overcame their speech defects partly through being invisible and losing their self-consciousness, and partly through their concentration on the manipulation of the puppets.

In almost all cases those who were almost cured gained greatly in confidence, and audiences were very rarely aware that the voices came from stammering children.

A Manchester shoe firm believes it has found a way to end queues by using a system based on the theatre seat-bookings principle.

Each day the firm allocates a certain number of shoes for sale. Tickets have been previously printed for these and are sold several days before the shoes are available. Customers who have not got these tickets will not be able to get shoes.

A London firm has adopted this plan for the sale of cakes.

London charwomen to-day are earning four pounds a week—and there are often tips in addition.

Kitchen maids, once the Cinderellas of domestic service, are now the most sought after of all domestic staff.

There are domestic servants still to be obtained—at a price.

The manager of one of the largest West-End agencies said:

"Wages are up, on an average, from 50 to 150 per cent, and the majority of servants available are elderly."

Tens of thousands of fur coats

are being made in British factories for Russian women and children this winter.

Twenty thousand waistcoats made from Iceland sheepskins have been sent already. New orders to nearly 200 British furriers include 8,000 coats in slink lamb and 24,000 in antelope lined with rabbit fur. The cost is being met out of Red Cross subscriptions.

Eight hundred boys and girls in Britain are already being taught at what will be the pattern of "everybody's school" after the war if the Government's new plan for educational reconstruction is carried out. They go to North Ashford Central School, Kent, one of the 600 "test schools" founded during the last ten years.

Bright, airy classrooms; playing fields with sheep grazing on the outskirts; eager-eyed, brown-limbed children bring

to life the White Paper's promises for "modern schools."

Safely stored away in a farmhouse at Great Wigborough, Essex, are thousands of tiny seeds, which 65-year-old farmer R. M. Mortimer claims will produce enough rubber at 2d. a pound to supply the world.

Three years ago forty bombs dropped on his field, and later, from the lower soil scattered from the bomb craters, about a dozen strange-looking weeds appeared.

One day while examining one of them he broke a stem. "A white sticky substance oozed out and ran down my sleeve," said Mr. Mortimer. "I collected a sample and sent it to a well-known firm of analysts without disclosing its source."

Their reply came back: "Pure rubber."

He has sent full particulars to a Government department.

## Poets' Corner OUR DREAM HOUSE

(Sent to Pte. John Wright, B.N.A.F., by his wife.)

The garden that you made so fair,

I've tended with my loving care;

The grass is green, the hedges neat,

The roses never were so sweet,

Along the path the pansies grow.

The border beds are all aglow—

With summer flowers of every hue,

They stand there waiting—just for you.

The house is clean and fresh and gay,

I sweep and polish every day;

A hundred little things I do,

To make it beautiful for you;

My heart, too, I have kept with care,

Untouched by doubting or despair;

Faith, hope, love sincere,

Wait to bid you welcome here.

Vera Wright.

Within twenty years after the war the number of motor vehicles on the road would be four times as great as in 1939, Mr. Noel Baker, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of War Transport, predicted recently.

"Somebody is going to succeed where Hitler failed in making a people's car," he said, "and there will be a tremendous problem of traffic with which we must deal."

"Unless we have a constructive programme we will bring increasing slaughter and mutilation on the road."

The public conscience had not yet been aroused as it should be to the importance of preventing road accidents.

Merchant seamen who in future have to abandon ship and take to the lifeboats no longer have to rely entirely on "dead reckoning" to take them to safety across open seas.

Members of the Officers' Merchant Navy Federation are now supplied with sufficient astronomical data to allow them to take and work out sights by day and night.

The new four-page publication is a Nautical Almanac in miniature.

In addition to giving the sun's height in the sky at mean noon, Greenwich, for the next three years, it also gives the right positions at any time of night of twenty-one of the principal fixed stars.

With this, and a sextant, the chances of a lifeboat being lost is greatly minimised.

A special sextant for use in lifeboats has also been designed. This measures only 4 1/2 in. in diameter and 1 in. in depth, and is accurate up to a twelfth of a degree.

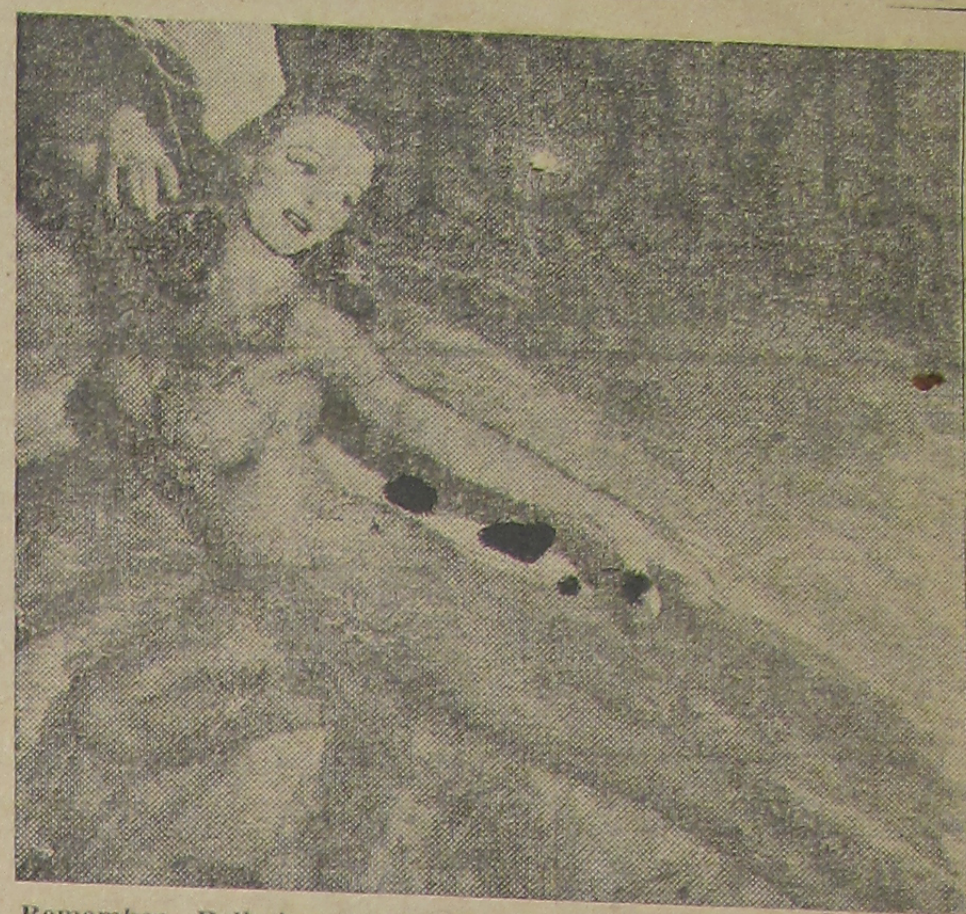
Wardens at Malden, Surrey, went round collecting one spoonful of tea and one spoonful of sugar from every house in their post areas.

That provided enough for them to sell more than 1,000 teas at 1s. each at a fete in aid of the Red Cross and St. John Prisoners of War Fund. The fete raised over 1,500 pounds.

Newest ordnance factories in Britain are so big that it is not uncommon for one to have as many as 700 or 800 separate buildings covering two or three square miles of roads, a new railway station and lines, and hostels for thousands of workers—and even for families of workers. These factories cost millions of pounds each.

Giving these facts to a meeting of Woolwich Labour Party, Mr. George Hicks, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Works, said: "We have finished off our Ordnance factory programme."

Two women are to serve on the Catering Wages Commission which was set up under a recent Act. They are Mrs. Hermione Hitchens, an Oxfordshire County Councillor, who was a member of the Royal Commission on the Geographical Distribution of the Industrial Population; and Mrs. M. J. Robinson, for many years an officer of the Transport and General Workers' Union.



Remember Ballerina Zorina? Here she is featured in her famous water-lily dance.

## THE BATTLE'S ON! Says ISIDORE GREEN

THE "overseas entertainment" war continues.

Latest news of the progress of the "war," first details of which were given by Andy Gray in UNION JACK last week, is contained in an air mail "communiqué."

The storm broke when George Formby accused his brother and sister stars of staying at home and shirking their duty to the troops overseas.

John Harding, manager of the Marquess of Queensberry All-Services Club in the West End of London, gives the reaction to this hullabaloo as follows:—

### Big Stir

"Formby's statements have created a big stir here," he writes, "and it's bound to lead to a lot of trouble."

"Bud Flanagan" has replied through the press, citing his and partner Ches Allen's activities in the last war, from 1914 onwards. Bud's only son is now serving in the Navy. Flanagan and Allan have given hundreds of concerts to the troops all over the country ever since the present war.

"Formby's attack has led to the Variety Artists' Federation asking the comedian to substantiate his statements, and the

impression created is that deferments and instructions to artistes reference entertainment overseas is a question for the Government and not for Formby.

"The only star of real drawing power who did not serve in the last war," continues Mr. Harding, "is Tommy Trinder. Trinder, I admit, has given, and is still giving, many concerts to the troops."

### Main Argument

"A leading line of argument here is that troops on leave (Allied troops, too), need relaxation as well as those overseas."

"But the scandal of stay-at-home artists and 'overseas dodgers' is very much worse among the legitimate actors and actresses, who do practically nothing in the way of entertainment for those in uniform, either in or out of England."

"Queensberry Club figures show that nearly 700 variety artistes have entertained over half a million Service men and women."

The battle is still being waged and public opinion seems to be against the stars.

Reluctance for the stars to come out may be partly explained by the fact that Britain to-day is in the midst of a terrific theatre and music-hall boom and all the available stars are now figuring in record-breaking box-office runs.

### Is it Fair?

It would be difficult to fill their roles, but all the same, it does seem that our boys overseas are not getting a fair crack of the whip, and that the appearance of some "big name" is regarded as a sensational treat.

Tommy Trinder, Elsie and Doris Waters, Carroll Levis and the Radio Three are believed to be making arrangements to get over here as quickly as possible.

Good! But what about the host of others... Vic Oliver, Tommy Handley, Nervo and Knox, Lupino Lane and you, and you and you...?

If it's good enough for Leslie Henson, Dorothy Dickson, Georgie Wood, Bee Lillie, Bob Hope, Adolphe Menjou, Al Jolson, Anna Lee, Winifred Shaw and Jack Benny to forfeit fabulous stay-at-home salaries to give the lads a "break," what other excuse can our stars think of?

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## NOVEMBER 11

CERTAIN days in the year are days of remembrance to certain nations. The Fourth of July is Independence Day for the Americans. July The Fourteenth is the day that the French established Liberty, Equality and Fraternity as a way of living rather than a high-sounding phrase. November 6 is the day that the Russians reverence as the Dawn of their new way of life.

But some days are international. Even though they mean different things to different nations, they mean something to all of them.

Such a day is today.

November 11 has many memories for all of us now in the Services. We remember it, most of us, first when we were children. When, for two inexplicable minutes in the year, all noise was hushed and the world seemed to stop breathing.

As we grew older we grew to understand the sad but somehow proud expression on the faces of the older folk who were looking back down the arches of the years, seeing faces which had not aged with the passage of time but had stayed evergreen and youthful in the eye of memory.

Some, who are engaged in the second great war in their lifetime, look back to the comrades who have not grown old as they who are left have grown old.

The significance of November 11 has changed since 1939. Formerly it was a pledge that we would not break faith with those who went to fight for freedom in the 1914-18 war.

After September 3, 1939, it has been a bitter reminder that, however good our intentions, however sincere our pledge, we did not take the precautions necessary to make sure there should be no more war.

At the start of the present conflict there were foolish people who suggested that the race had grown soft; that we should not measure up to the standard of the men of our nation who won the last war.

Now the fighting men of Britain have proved on land, sea and in the air that they are worthy sons of their fathers. And now it is up to them to prove that they can be worthy fathers of their sons.

Let us never forget November 11 — no matter on what date this war ends. Let us keep it as a memorial of what can — and will — happen unless we are vigilant.

Let us remember it as the day on which brave men won a great war and were then misled into thinking that their duty was done and that the peace could look after itself.

November 11 should be kept in the future as a day of Remembrance indeed. But not only of remembrance for the gallant dead. Remembrance also that, unless the living strive as consistently for the continuance of peace as they did for victory in war, the dead will have new comrades once more.

— Peter Wilson

## What's On

### CATANIA

San Giorgio Theatre.—All the week at 14.30 and 17.30 hours daily: JOY PARADE, high speed Sicilian variety with guest artist BILLY DUNCAN. (Free admission.)

Odeon Cinema.—At 13.00, 16.00 and 18.45 hours: John Howard and Ellen Drew in TEXAS RANGERS. (Free admission.)

Excelsior Cinema.—At 13.00, 16.00 and 18.45 hours: ADAM HAD FOUR SONS, starring Warner Baxter and Ingrid Bergman. (Free admission.)

United Services Club.—Open 10.00 hours until 18.00 hours. Entertainment each day at 14.30 hours to 17.30 hours. Today: Prof. Manino's Orchestra with Concettina. Friday: Camerino with Signorina Messina and Scarlatta.

E.F.I.—Open from 11.00 hours until 14.00 hours and 16.00 hours to 20.00 hours. Music by Sirio Pasqualino and his Band with vocalist Rina Dal Collé.

F.W.C.A.—On Friday evening a dance will be held for all Service women and their friends. From 20.00 hours to 23.30 hours.

Information Centre, 197, Via Etna (opposite Lopo Cinema): Maps of all war fronts, with latest information; front-line photographs with descriptions in English and Italian.

### OTHER LOCALITIES

Syracuse, Abbott and Costello in WHO DUN IT? The Mobile Cinema in this area is showing THE GREAT WALTZ.

Augusta.—ONE DANGEROUS NIGHT. Warren William, Eric Blore.

Messina.—THE MOON AND SIX PENCE. A film worth seeing.

Reggio.—Mickey Rooney and the usual Hardy Family in ANDY HARDY'S DOUBLE LIFE.



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IN THE NAME OF YOUR CHURCH, WE EXPRESS ITS BLESSING ON YOU IN THE WORDS THAT WERE PRONOUNCED AT THE SACRAMENT OF YOUR BAPTISM:

"THE LORD BLESS YOU, AND KEEP YOU; THE LORD MAKE HIS FACE TO SHINE UPON YOU, AND BE GRACIOUS UNTO YOU; THE LORD LIFT UP HIS COUNTENANCE UPON YOU, AND GIVE YOU PEACE."

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If, from your post of duty, you could be translated next Easter Sunday morning to your usual place of worship in your home church during the Easter Service, you would see in front of you in the pulpit your Minister, behind him the choir, and in the body of the church and the galleries the assembled congregation, all standing with heads bowed in prayer; and you would hear them with one voice (your own relatives and friends silently naming you) make this, their common supplication:

Our Father, the Giver of life and light, with all our hearts we praise Thee for Easter with its triumph and its song. Out of darkness Thou hast brought light; Thou hast made the cross the symbol of mercy; by means of the crowning wickedness of Calvary Thou hast wrought out salvation for all mankind. Through the conqueror of Calvary Thou wilt turn the evil of this present hour into a good greater than men can ask or think. Wilt thou make our sons and daughters who sacrifice and struggle today Thine agents in Thy new creation, and through their sufferings bring in the better world for which we pray. Give them courage, strength and faith, the assurance that they have a place in Thy plan and are immortal until their work is done, and the vision of a divine power working through them toward the ends of love.

This Easter morning "we long to know Christ and the power which is in His resurrection, and to share His sufferings and die even as He died; in the hope that we may attain to the resurrection of the dead." We pray that the lives of those we love may be spared; we pray for Thy healing touch on all who suffer and for Thy comfort to all who sorrow. O Thou Risen Lord, who art near Thy people in Life and ever with them in death, confirm us in this confidence:- "Whether we live, we live unto the Lord; whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."

With Cordial Easter Greetings.

*W. S. F. Ferguson*  
Clerk of Session

*Donald Macleod*  
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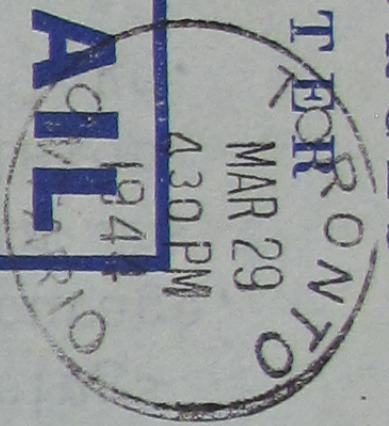
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AUTUMN 1943

## WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

We regret very much that the news bulletin was not available at the time of going to press.

### The Ship's Busiest men

"The O.C. Troops" - Lt. Col. H.E. Wright  
He has a tremendous responsibility in the number of men under his command. Being very capable he takes responsibility just like a ship takes to water.

"Ship's Adjutant" - Capt. I.B. Shaw.  
Capt. Shaw is finding his unusual quality for exactness standing him in rare form for the job he has at hand.

"Ship's R.S.M." - RSM. "Harry" Jenkins.  
Harry has had long and faithful service in the army, both NPAM and active service. He just loves to detail someone to detail the fatigues.

"Ship's Quartermaster Sjt." - RQMS. Bert Cochlin.  
The job that keeps him busy is one that we would all enjoy, i.e. keeping out of everybody's way.

Ship's "news-hounds". - Last but not least are the members of this noble (?) profession. Names are not mentioned, not because there are too many but we feel that we shall reap our reward later.



Thomas H. Simmons, USNR  
Shipmaster

(Reprinted from Twin-Ocean Gazette Vol. 9 No. 5)

It's a far cry from the old sailing vessel of yesterday to the present ultra-modern ocean liners, but in Capt. Simmons 31 years at sea he has sailed along with the changes and declares that there is just no comparison in ocean travel between now and then.

Capt. Simmons's sea-going days date back to when a lad of 18 he shipped out on a sailing vessel as a seaman. Since then his life has been almost continuously spent on the water except for the short intervals he would have at his home which is in New York.

For five years Capt. Simmons has been master of this ship which had as its regular run the trip from New York to South American ports. Since the war the ship has been used entirely as a transport and has made trips to nearly all parts of the world. However, he states, there is quite a difference operating a transport and a luxury liner in peace-time.

Contrary to popular belief Capt. Simmons said that this month is usually one of the best for crossing this sea, but then went on to say that you can never tell this part of the world just what to expect of the weather. An all merchantman crew is in charge of this ship, and most of them have been with this vessel for a number of years.

Capt. Simmons calls his life on sea as being lucky, no serious mishaps have occurred during his years aboard ship, being too modest to admit that that his own ability and knowledge aided his good fortune. His favorite run is between New York and South America.



## THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

### A Message from the Padres

The Canadian Chaplain Service has nine padres (6 Protestant and 3 R.C.) on board. The names of the Padres are:- H/Maj. JM.Colling, senior chaplain, H/Capts TL.Hipp, DC.Hill, EK.Smith, DR. Anderson, AH.Eagles, DJ.Harrington, JG. MacCormac, JJ.Vallely. The first six are Protestant, the last three R.C.

A complete list of services will be printed in this space to-morrow. The Padres offer their services to all ranks for conference and advice, and can be contacted through the Ship's Chaplain's Office.

JM.Colling, H/Major  
Senior Chaplain.

A good word for the Provost Corps? If they weren't here some of us would be out there on guard duty.

The ship looked much brighter to-day with the appearance of the red, maroon and blue patches. Some lads were also noticed wearing a slightly green look around the gills/.

All personnel suffering from seasickness must report to the Medical Room and not to the Nursing Sisters.

### ENTERTAINMENT AND SPORTING NEWS

#### Attention all Entertainers

Will all personnel with ability to entertain please report to the Auxiliary Services Supervisor between 1200 hrs. and 1400 hrs. daily at the office directly opposite A16. Entertainers required are instrumentalists, vocalists and comedians.

#### Boxing

All personnel who are interested in boxing whilst on this voyage, please report to the Auxiliary Service Supervisor at the above office between 1200hrs. and 1400 hrs. daily.

#### Library and Games

The library and games room are situated just aft of the Chaplain's Office on "B" deck port side. Library and games room hours are from 0900 to 2100 daily. All games must be returned by 2100 hrs. the same day. Books may be kept for 72 hrs. from time of withdrawal.

#### Motion Picture

Motion picture will be shown on the Promenade deck, forward, from 1400 hrs. to 1600 hrs and from 1500 hrs to 1800 hrs.

Feature:- "Holiday Inn"

Starring- Bing Crosby & Fred Astaire.

## DECK CHATTER

A London, England Newspaper, headed the wedding this way: Girl made Sgt.; also weds.

Heard on the Promenade deck: "I wonder what time the recreational canoe goes ashore".

The sound of sweet voices, the aroma of lovely perfumes, the sight of trim figures in blue or khaki, the allure of limbs covered by gorgeous silk hose, all tend to lull us back to the days at home when women were a definite part of our daily lives. "God bless 'em".

It takes two to make a marriage:- A single girl and an anxious mother.

Who was the bright boy who fell asleep prior to the ship leaving the dock and when he awoke exclaimed: "I always thought that they gave everyone a chance to get off by calling "All ashore that's going Ashore".

(With apologies to the Padres' corner). A dramatist employed to write short stories from the Bible in radio form was astonished at the end of a broadcast to hear the announcer say:- "Will Cain kill Abel - Tune in at the same time to-morrow morning and find out".

Lieut. Packer, 2 Med, is vainly attempting a super-human task of competing with Capt Campbell, also of the 2 Med, in the growing of mustaches.

The Various Sergeant-Majors on board ship must be humanitarians because they have allotted the various mess fatigues to men with large appetites. They do very well.

At a Maple Leaf Garden's Dance in Toronto, A Canadian noticed a peculiar bracelet on his charming dancing partner. Taking hold of her wrist he read this inscription: "Hands Off - She's married".

Some nasty person made the remark that our Regimental cooks are employed to the best advantage by using them to wash dishes. (incidentally, we do not agree with this person).

"Music while you Work" is nothing new to us but to have it while we play and eat sure is a novelty and very much appreciated by all ranks.

We wonder when Sgt. JJ.MacDonald is going to visit the barber for a mustache trim.

Sub-reporters are required for this paper. Place your article with names involved in the office opposite Cabin A16.



Dr. W. R. & R. A. Dainich  
7th Acad. Sp. w/ shop..  
R. E. M. E..

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Dear Bert.

I was talking to Tom Cohen (DDME  
10 Corps) last night & he wants to come  
to dinner tomorrow (16th.)..

Would you perhaps come to dinner  
tomorrow night - instead of tonight - as  
he wants to have a bit of a binge  
with you.

Yours

Richard





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